

Provincial Discussions Between BCPSEA and CUPE

As you are aware, BCPSEA was formally contacted by the CUPE K-12 Presidents' Council Provincial Bargaining Committee (PBC) to discuss the possibility of a provincial approach to bargaining. The process was intended to be complementary and not a replacement for local bargaining.

CUPE outlined the purpose of the meeting in its original letter of March 29, 2011 (attached):

"We share a commitment to creating a respectful bargaining process. At this time, there is a significant opportunity to discuss enhancing our bargaining relationship by meeting to discuss:

- The progress of bargaining
- Coordination of data & research support
- Parameters of a provincial table."

BCPSEA, along with school district representatives, will be meeting on Friday, June 10, 2011 to begin these discussions. In addition to the above listed items, this first meeting will include preliminary discussions on other issues including the Public Education Benefits Trust (PEBT), the Support Staff Education and Adjustment Committee (SSEAC), and labour market adjustments.

We will keep you posted as to the outcome of these discussions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact:

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